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SUBJECT: PCP HITS AZOREAN AND MADEIRAN GOVERNMENTS AS
SEPARATISTS

SUMMARY: PCP SECRETARY-GENERAL ALVARO CUNHAL TOLD A LISBON
RALLY THAT THE SEPARATIST MOVEMENTS AND THE AZOREAN AND MADEIRAN
REGIONAL GOVERNMENTS ARE MUTUALLY SUPPORTIVE. END SUMMARY.

1. THE PORTUGUESE COMMUNIST PARTY SPONSORED A "SOLIDARITY
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RALLY WITH THE AZOREAN AND MADEIRAN PEOPLE" APRIL 11 IN
LISBON. IN THE KEYNOTE ADDRESS, PCP SECRETARY-GENERAL ALVARO
CUNHAL SAID:
-- SEPARATISTS AND REGIONAL GOVERNMENTS SUPPORT EACH OTHER:
THE REGIONAL GOVERNMENTS FIND SUPPORT IN SEPARATISM AND
SEPARATISM FINDS SUPPORT IN THE REGIONAL GOVERNMENTS.
-- SEPARATIST OBJECTIVES: SEPARATISTS IN THE AZORES AND

MADEIRA SEEK TO MAINTAIN THE POWER OF THE ISLANDS' BIG LANDOWNERS AND CAPITALISTS, ASSIST REACTIONARY FORCES ON THE CONTINENT BY HOLDING THE ISLANDS HOSTAGE TO CONSERVATIVE MAINLAND POLICIES, AND FURTHER "THE POSITIONS, PENETRATION, INTENTIONS, AND DOMINATION OF IMPERIALISM IN THE AZORES AND MADEIRA."

-- MUTED CRITICISM OF LAJES: THE AMERICANS DO NOT LIMIT THEMSELVES TO LAJES BASE WHICH IN ITSELF COMPROMISES PORTUGUESE SOVEREIGNTY. THE U.S. THROUGH THE REGIONAL GOVERNMENTS IS SENDING TECHNICIANS AND CIA AGENTS TO SET POLICY, PREPARE ECONOMIC PLANS, TEACH SCHOOLS, AND CONTROL THE LIFE OF THE ISLAND. AT THE SAME TIME, THE U.S. SUPPORTS, ASSISTS, INSTRUCTS, FINANCES, INCITES, AND COMMANDS SEPARATIST GROUPS.

-- UNDEMOCRATIC PRESSURES AGAINST PS AND PCP: THE PSD REGIONAL GOVERNMENTS LACK LEGITIMACY DUE TO THE ABSENCE OF DEMOCRATIC FREEDOMS ON THE ISLANDS. BOTH THE PS AND PCP HAVE HAD THEIR FREEDOM OF ACTION BLOCKED ON THE ISLANDS.

2. COMMENT: THE LISBON RALLY MARKS THE COMMUNISTS' FIRST ORGANIZED ACTIVITY ON THE MAINLAND DIRECTED AT THE AZORES OR MADEIRA SINCE THE 1976 ELECTIONS. IT FOLLOWS QADHAFI'S CALL FOR MADEIRAN LIBERATION AND FLA SEPARATIST LEADER JOSE ALMEIDA'S THREAT OF AN ARMED STRUGGLE TO ACHIEVE INDEPENDENCE. THE PCP ATTACK ON THE PSD REGIONAL GOVERNMENTS AND THE SEPARATISTS IS DESIGNED TO PUT THE PCP OUT IN FRONT ON LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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